

PATENT APPLN. NO. 10/046,697
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance by amending claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5 and cancelling claim 5.

In the Action, claims 8-11 and 14-16 are allowed, claims 1, 4, 17 and 18 are rejected, and claims 5-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The amendment to claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5 places the application in condition for allowance because claim 1 as amended corresponds to claim 5 rewritten in independent form. Rejected claims 4 and 17 and objected-to claims 6 and 7 depend on claim 1 and, thus, are now also allowable. Claim 18 depends on allowed claim 8 and its rejection appears to have been an error.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2004, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of

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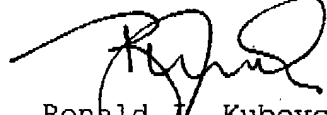
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time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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